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Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that the President has not given his assent to the Bill relating to the enhanced sales tax of 1 anna 3 pies in the rupee at a single point on medium mill cloth—this was disclosed by the Hon. Minister for Finance in his Budget speech. If so, when is the President expected to give his assent? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Bill proposing an enhanced levy of sales tax on medium mill cloth has nothing to do with the utilization of the cess fund."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" தமிழ் நாட்டில் இண்டஸ்ட்ரியல் கோவாபரேடிவ்ஸ் ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு திட்டம் இருக்கிறதா ? அப்படியிருந்தால் எந்தெந்த இடங்களில் சர்க்கார் ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு யோசித்திருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" தமிழ் நாட்டிலும் அம்மாதிரி ஏற்படுத்தலாமென்ற யோசனை இருக்கிறது. ஆனால் இன்னும் குறிப்பான பிரேரணை ஒன்றும் வரவில்லை."

Sri A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" கைத்தறி வாரம் கொண்டாடுவதற்காக செஸ் நிதியிலிருந்து எவ்வளவு பணம் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது ? ஒவ்வொரு ஜில்லாவிற்கும் சமமாக ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இதற்குப் பதிலளிக்க தனி நோட்டீஸ் வேண்டும்."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" We have already taken up half an hour and we will have to finish the rest of the questions in another half an hour."

Cost of Government publications

* 1623 *Q*.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government publications are costlier than similar private publications; and

(*b*) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to bring down the cost of Government publications to that of private publications?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The cost of Government publications is slightly higher, but only as compared with the quotations of smaller, less equipped and less efficient private presses, who are even likely to underquote during slack season and slump periods.

" (*b*) The following steps are proposed to be taken :—

(1) Replacement of old and antiquated machinery by new machinery capable of giving better production;

(2) use of better quality of paper, thereby reducing waste in machine time and contributing to overall economy in expenditure; and

(3) closer scrutiny of publications placed on sale and other incidental factors in production which tend to increase overall expenditure without any proportionate increase in productivity."

Attendants of Veterinary Hospitals

* 1624 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the salary leave other than casual leave, etc., granted to the attendants of Veterinary Hospitals in the State;

(*b*) how many of them are temporary and how many are permanent; and

(*c*) whether uniforms are supplied to them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The attendants employed in the Veterinary Institutions are paid at a rate not exceeding Rs. 15 per mensem plus the usual dearness allowance of Rs. 18 per mensem. They are granted only casual leave.

" (*b*) There are about 250 attendants working in the Veterinary Institutions and all of them are working on a permanent basis.

" (*c*) Government propose to supply them uniforms from the year 1955–56 onwards."

Eviction of ulkudidars from Malabar

* 1625 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding the eviction of ulkudidars from Malabar after the enactment of Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act of 1954; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

9 a.m. THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI O. KORAN :—" Sir, in Karingalpara, Oramanaiyur in Ponnani taluk, Porakkadu in Kurumbranad taluk and Parappanangadi in Ernad taluk, ulkudidars were evicted and the facts were reported to the Collector but no action was taken. Will the Government enquire into the matter?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, my information is that no ulkudidars were evicted. There is no provision in the Act by which it could be done. The Act provides that they should be protected. If the hon. Member brings any specific case, I will enquire into it."